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W. T. Dixon
Director

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Director

Members of the A.I.Ch.E. rang up a record number of votes in the November mail ballot for officers of the Institute. Results in the four top offices were foregone conclusions since there was no opposition for the presidency, vice-presidency, secretary- and treasurerships. Top office, the presidency of the Institute, for 1953 went to W. T. Nichols, director, General Engineering Department, Monsanto Chemical Co. Chalmer G. Kirkbride, president and director of Houdry Process Corp., became the vice-president in an uncontested race. The latter situation developed when three candidates who had been nominated by the members for the office of vice-president declined to run. W. T. Nichols, one of the candidates, was also a candidate for the presidency; Carl R. DeLong also withdrew and ran on the ballot for treasurer, to which office he was elected, and George E. Holbrook, assistant director of the development department of the E. I. duPont deNemours & Co., Inc., also nominated for the office of vice-president, declined to run. The office of treasurer went to Carl R. DeLong, vice-president of North American Solvay, Inc., and the Solvay American Corp. Mr. DeLong has held the office of treasurer in the Institute since 1936. Nominated but declining to run for treasurer, were R. P. Soule, C. G. Kirkbride, and L. P. Scoville. Final results of the balloting indicated that Mr. DeLong had received more votes for the office than any of the other candidates. S. L. Tyler, secretary and executive secretary of the A.I.Ch.E. since 1937, was re-elected to the office of secretary.

The contest for directors saw top honors go to Eger V. Murphree, president of Standard Oil Development Co., followed by George G. Oberfell; Lee Van Horn, vice-president, research and development, The Fluor Corp.; and William T. Dixon, manager, design division, engineering and construction department, The Atlantic Refining Co. These four candidates were elected from a list of twelve on the ballot. Members had nominated for director a total of twenty, but constitutional provisions limit the balloting to the top twelve candidates nominated.

The record vote developed when, out of a total of 4704 active members, 2499 valid votes were cast. According to the report of the tellers' committee, consisting of E. F. Jennings, Jr., of the Hercules Powder Co., chairman; O. C. Karkalits, Calco Chemical Division of American Cyanamid Co., and H. Kelly, of the Bakelite Division of Union Carbide & Carbon Co., the spread in votes for director went from 1449 for the top man, E. V. Murphree, to 830 for W. T. Dixon.